

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. - 4. (canceled).

5. (previously presented): An airbag device having an inflator for generating gas and an airbag expandable by the gas, said airbag device comprising:

a gas inflow port provided in the airbag through which the gas flows in,

a vent hole provided in the airbag for discharging the gas flown in the airbag,

a cloth-like piece connected to a vicinity of the vent hole at one end thereof, and to a vicinity of the gas inflow port at the other end thereof releasably,

wherein said cloth-like piece does not close the vent hole in a state where the other end is retained, and closes the vent hole due to an internal pressure of the airbag in a state where the other end is released,

a retaining device for retaining the other end of the cloth-like piece, and

releasing means for releasing retention of the retaining device,

wherein the retaining device has a retaining plate, and the releasing means implements releasing by forcibly deforming the retaining plate.

6. (original): The airbag device according to claim 5, wherein the releasing means implements releasing by forcibly deforming the retaining plate by a pressure generated by an explosive.

7. (canceled).